

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1867.

MANCHESTER, N. H. :

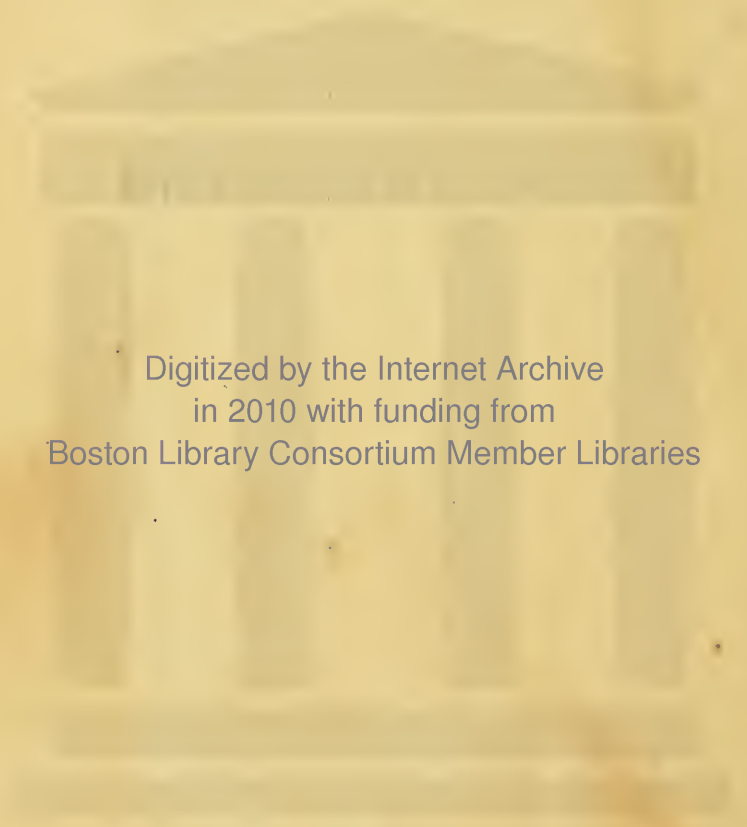
PRINTED BY C. F. LIVINGSTON.

1867.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1867.

MANCHESTER, N. H. :
PRINTED BY C. F. LIVINGSTON.
1867.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2010 with funding from
Boston Library Consortium Member Libraries

NH
353.07
661
1867

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. B. MOORE, *Treasurer of Goffstown for 1866.*

Dr.

Am't in George Poor's hands, 'Treas'r for 1865, at the
time of settlement with auditors.....\$2719 44
Left a note in Geo. Poor's hands against D. S. Carr. 169 23

Leaving amount received in cash and orders.\$2550 21

Received of Jesse Nichols, collector for 1865. 7365 81

from sales at Town Farm, ... 5057 52

of R. Johnson, collector for 1866. 10,014 84

from selectmen (money borrowed). 3150 00

of E. W. Cram (money in his hands at settlement). 153 47

D. B. Warren, collector for 1863. 81 24

from United States government. 1080 00

for state aid. 428 99

railroad tax, ... 445 55

savings bank tax, ... 590 01

from literary fund. 64 95

for interest on school fund. 90 00

of Hillsborough county for support of paupers. 18 00

C. M. Kidder, by the hand of J. Nichols. 1 50

J. Burnham for old plank. 50

Aggart, ... \$31092 59

Little, ... 21

R. Kendall, ... 309 25

By K. Kendall, ... 304 35 375 74

B. Dodge, ... 100 00

A. Story, ... 11 75

L. Hadley, ... 30 90

E. W. Cram, ... 200 00

S. M. Smith, ... 300 00

W. S. Eaton, ... 1 75

H. W. Hadley, ... 49 44

By orders paid.

Cr.

J. Nichols,.....	\$ 270 69
H. Simons,.....	3444 20
M. Emerson,.....	63
S. Blaisdell,.....	4 00
Insurance companies,.....	7 31
A. G. McCluer,.....	3 74
Ira Barr,.....	3 12
Roxanna Towns,.....	6 00
Mary J. Lord,.....	1 25
D. M. Taggart,.....	9 00
J. B. Hoyt,.....	2 60
A. F. Carr,.....	3 50
D. Steele,.....	16 50
A. Whitney,.....	131 23
A. Story,.....	150 93
Julia A. Little,.....	51 00
J. Nichols,.....	15 66
J. Cram,.....	6 00
J. Nichlos,.....	7 50
D. S. Ferson,.....	6 00
A. McDougall,.....	3 00
S. Tibbetts,.....	3 00
S. Tibbetts,.....	5 00
J. Nichols,.....	76 30
J. J. Poor,.....	2 51
Geo. Warren,.....	2 90
G. Flanders,.....	6 00
Eastman & Cross,.....	3 00
Rebecca Barnham,.....	11 60
Hiram Heath,.....	8 00
Daniel Plummer,.....	24 00
H. Blaisdell,.....	68 27
N. E. Kimball,.....	3 00
D. S. Pherson,.....	134 50
J. Nichols,...	100 50
J. Cro	75

J. Black, ...	22 20
J. F. Wyman, ...	46 85
C. Wyman, ...	6 00
Charles Mngrage, ...	225 73
J. Nichols, ...	103 50
D. Butterfield, ...	155 40
J. W. Amis, ...	308 00
I. B. Holt, ...	592 15
George Warren, ...	163 09
E. W. Cram, ...	100 00
John Little, ...	300 00
G. Flanders, ...	150 05
S. W. Little, ...	18 00
J. F. Wyman, ...	301 50
J. S. Poor, ...	330 00
W. Harriman, ...	310 50
Rhodia Richards, ...	21 00
John Brown, ...	105 50
J. M. & D. A. Parker, ...	705 32
J. M. Parker, ...	27 00
W. H. Hart, ...	324 00
A. Stevens, ...	3 00
John Steele, ...	300 00
F. Martin, ...	306 00
H. Simons, ...	5 00
Frank Wells, ...	1 00
R. Johnson, ...	6 97
Hannah H. Aiken, ...	30 00
N. Stearns, ...	35 00
Charles R. Morrison, ...	130 86
D. Cross, ...	10 00
H. W. Hadley, ...	76 40
L. D. Hunkins, ...	3 00
D. M. Taggart, ...	182 58
J. S. Little, ...	213 07
R. Kendall, ...	309 25
K. Kendall, ...	304 35
B. Dodge, ...	100 00
A. Story, ...	11 75
L. Hadley, ...	30 90
E. W. Cram, ...	200 00
S. M. Smith, ...	300 00
W. S. Eaton, ...	1 75
H. W. Hadley, ...	19 41

A. J. Aiken, ...	208 20
J. Burnham, heirs, ...	48 00
Mary Adams, ...	30 00
M. Emerson, Jr., ...	61
D. B. Warren, ...	19 05
W. McCollister, ...	1 25
G. Flanders, heirs, ...	290 25
G. P. Henry, ...	4 08
A. W. Sanborn, ...	117 40
S. B. Cilley, ...	150 00
G. Flanders, ...	35 00
Farmer heirs, ...	35 00
C. B. Sargent, ...	36 00
B. Dodge, ...	334 00
G. W. Hancock, ...	36 00
J. A. Flanders, ...	175 00
A. Kidder, ...	60 00
E. Flanders, ...	18 00
A. F. Carr, ...	102 00
L. Cram, ...	1 00
G. H. Dorr, ...	35 00
J. Tirrell, ...	35 00
B. Dodge, ...	128 21
J. A. Tinker, ...	213 33
E. P. Sargent, ...	125 00
S. J. Merrill, ...	100 00
E. P. Roberts, ...	100 00
J. B. Roberts, ...	261 80
G. Robertson, ...	288 40
J. Nichols, ...	299 30
J. Nichols, ...	12 01
N. E. Kimball, ...	3 00
Hall & Kimball, ...	4 00
J. Nichols, ...	4 81
State tax, ...	3750 00
County tax, ...	925 18
L. Hadley, ...	60 24
R. J. Weston, ...	18 00
W. H. Eaton, ...	2 00
R. Johnson, ...	55 08
D. Steele, ...	120 00
George Warren, ...	32 44
A. Story, ...	79 30
David Ferson, ...	9 25

G. W. Webber,	356 75
Geo. Poor,	40 07
G. M. Eaton,	400 00
John Greer,	36 24
J. J. Poor,	3 00
Chas. Spencer,	36 00
H. W. Hadley,	300 00
E. Ferren,	15 00
Sally Parker,	25 00
S. J. Merrill,	87 12
E. P. Roberts,	87 12
A. Kidder,	100 00
A. Whitney,	30 00
E. P. Sargent,	166 87
G. Robertson,	3 00
J. Dnnlap,	355 26
J. Ferren,	85 00
W. Kidder,	5 00
S. W. Little,	18 00
F. J. Beard,	14 00
W. Kidder,	6 00
G. M. Eaton,	1086 50
Frank Hadley,	6 00
A. Kidder,	63 00
M. J. Butterfield,	417 00
B. Greer,	38 00
W. G. Straw,	64 60
E. W. Cram,	6 00
P. Hart,	6 96
A. Story,	5 50
John Murphy,	3 00
H. Simons,	600 00
E. Gage,	44 00
J. B. Clark,	10 00
A. W. Russell,	1 00
D. M. Poor,	208 78
H. W. Hadley,	649 30
Daniel Little,	15 60
D. Wells,	8 25
Irad Poor,	1 75
C. W. Cheney, Jr.,	2 04
D. Worthley,	47
S. M. Richardson,	12 00
A. W. Carr,	10 00

A. F. Carr, ...	24 00
J. Cram, ...	10 29
E. Flanders, ...	307 50
Eli E. Colby, ...	119 45
A. McDougall, ...	3 00
G. W. Parker, ...	103 65
G. P. Hadley, ...	10 00
R. Towns, ...	12 25
County Farm, ...	122 00
R. Johnson, ...	34 00
Barr & McAllister, ...	4 37
D. M. Poor, ...	157 00
E. Richards, ...	343 82
Ira Barr & Co., ...	10 00
Samuel Kidder, ...	25 00
D. Steele, ...	30 00
J. A. Little, ...	130 15
B. F. Aiken, ...	257 50
D. B. Warren, ...	5 08
G. M. Eaton, ...	435 00
W. Harriman, ...	100 00
R. Johnson, ...	81 55
D. Steele, ...	516 00
C. C. Stowell, ...	11 00
J. B. Hoyt, ...	10 00
R. Johnson, ...	1 00
R. Johnson, ...	1 00
R. Johnson, ...	2 50
John Greer, ...	5 50
Rebecca Burnham, ...	12 00
S. J. Addison, ...	5 00
E. Chamberlin, ...	2 00
F. Phillips, ...	4 00
R. M. Ayer, ...	23 00
Haines & Wallace, ...	5 00
N. Poor's heirs, ...	2 30
P. E. Hadley, ...	4 00
Nichols & Johnson, ...	4 00
A. F. Carr, ...	159 41
J. G. Dodge, ...	57 61
D. Shirley, ...	81 26
A. J. Hazen, ...	68 83
G. Plummer, ...	72 19
Nichols Merrill, ...	59 06

John Bartlett, ...	76 56
E. Jones, ...	78 28
Daniel Little, ...	114 53
G. W. Hancock, ...	71 62
G. P. Hadley, ...	104 26
C. B. Sargent, ...	13 26
A. W. Russell, ...	123 93
J. Tirrell, ...	50 39
G. K. Richards, ...	36 61
H. Blaisdell, ...	269 24
W. H. Eaton, ...	66 10
H. Stevens, ...	14 00
	\$30275 71

TOWN ORDERS

DRAWN AFTER SETTLEMENT WITH AUDITORS, MARCH, 1866.

Jesse Nichols, interest on note, ...	\$ 15 66
Jesse Nichols, town business after settlement, ...	7 00
Joseph Cram, ...	6 00
D. S. Ferson, for getting Reports and other business, ...	6 00
Ira Barr, for working non-residents tax, ...	3 12
M. J. Lord, ...	1 25
J. B. Hoyt, for digging grave for Mrs. Martin, ...	2 50
D. M. Taggart, use of watering trough three years, ...	9 00
A. F. Carr, medical services for paupers, ...	3 50
David Steele, for services for 1865, ...	16 50
Insurance Co., ...	7 31
Stephen Blaisdell, for hearse strap, ...	4 00
Julia Little, interest on note, ...	51 00
M. Emerson, working non-residents tax, ...	66
Hiram Simons, principal and interest on note, ...	344 20
Alfred Story, interest on notes, ...	150 93
Mrs. James Black, interest on note, ...	22 20
Auditor's bill, ...	6 00
James Wyman, interest on note, ...	46 85
Jesse Nichols, abatement on tax list, ...	43 37
D. B. Warren, ...	13 05
William McAlister, working non-residence tax, ...	1 25
Marden Emison, ...	64
S. Tibbets, labor on graveyard fence, ...	5 00

S. Tibbets, wood and care of town house, ...	3 00
Jesse Nichols, collecting tax 1865, ...	270 69
Daniel Little, for doctoring paupers, ...	3 75
A. McDougall, use of watering trough, ...	3 00
Jesse Nichols, abatement on tax list, ...	76 30
Daniel Plummer, support of pauper, ...	24 00
Rebecca Burnham, for over tax, ...	11 60
A. Stephens, use of watering trough, ...	3 00
H. Blaisdell, money on note, ...	68 27
Joseph J. Poor, working non-residents tax, ...	2 51
G. Warren, being over taxed, ...	2 20
Gideon Flanders, use of watering trough, ...	6 00
Nathan Stearns, support of J. Stearns, ...	20 00
Eastuan & Cross, for counsel, ...	3 00
Artemas Whitney, interest, ...	131 23

RECORD OF ORDERS DRAWN AFTER MARCH 23, 1866.

Charles Mudge, money on note, ...	225 73
Jesse Nichols, money on note, ...	103 50
J. G. Annis, money on note, ...	318 00
D. Butterfield, ...	455 40
H. Simons, interest on note, ...	5 00
Isaac Holt, money on notes, ...	592 15
J. F. Wyman, ...	301 50
J. S. Little, ...	300 00
Gideon Flanders, ...	150 00
S. W. Little, interest on note, ...	18 00
J. M. Parker, for services and revenue tax, ...	27 00
J. M. Parker, money on note, ...	705 32
E. W. Cram, for work on town farm, ...	100 00
S. Poor, money on note, ...	330 00
Warren Harriman, money on note, ...	310 50
Rhoda Richards, interest on note, ...	21 00
J. M. Brown, money on note, ...	105 50
William H. Hart, ...	324 00
N. Stearns, support of J. Stearns, ...	35 00
John Steele, bounty money, ...	300 00
F. Wells, support of county pauper, ...	4 00
R. Johnson, for furnishing books, &c., ...	6 97
Francis Martin, money on note, ...	306 00
Mrs. H. K. Aiken, interest on note, ...	30 00
E. C. Morrison, on Cochran claim, ...	130 86
David Cross, on Cochran case, ...	10 00

H. W. Hadley, interest on note, ...	76 40
D. M. Taggart, money on note, ...	182 58
J. S. Little, ...	213 07
L. D. Hunkins, auction bills, &c., ...	3 00
K. Kendall, money on note, ...	309 25
Benj. Dodge, ...	100 00
K. Kendall, ...	304 35
A. Story, services, deeds, and stamps, ...	11 75
S. M. Smith, bounty money, ...	300 00
E. W. Cram, labor on farm, ...	200 00
Lucy Hadley, interest on note, ...	30 90
W. H. Eaton, bills for certificates, ...	1 75
H. W. Hadley, interest on note, ...	19 44
A. J. Aiken, money on note, ...	208 20
Mary Adams, interest on note, ...	30 00
John Burnham's heirs, interest on note, ...	48 00
G. Flanders' heirs, money on note, ...	290 25
A. W. Sanborn, for horse, ...	117 40
G. P. Henry, recording deaths and births, ...	4 08
C. B. Sargent, school money dist. No. 12, ...	36 00
Benj. Dodge, money on note, ...	334 00
J. A. Flanders, land damage, ...	175 00
Gideon Flanders, ...	35 00
Benj. Dodge, money on note, ...	128 21
A. Kidder, money on note, ...	60 00
E. Flanders, interest on note, ...	18 00
A. F. Carr, interest on notes, ...	102 00
L. Cram, land damage, ...	1 00
J. Tirrell, work on Mountain Road, ...	35 00
G. H. Dorr, damage on horse, ...	35 00
James Ferren, land damage, ...	85 00
E. P. Sargent, for work on Colby road, ...	125 00
S. J. Merrill, ...	100 00
E. P. Roberts, ...	100 00
Alvin Hadley, for services in 1865, ...	51 25
G. B. Moore, for goods furnished paupers, ...	4 20
Luther Hadley, interest on note, ...	60 22
R. J. Weston, ...	18 00
Wm. S. Eaton, for books furnished, ...	2 00
R. Johnson, money paid non-residents tax, ...	55 08
David Steele, interest money, ...	120 00
G. Warren, for bridge plank, ...	32 44
A. Story, interest money, ...	79 30
D. Person, for services to Concord and other places, ...	9 25

G. W. Webber, money on note, ...	356 75
George Poor, interest, ...	40 07
G. M. Eaton, money on note, ...	400 00
John Greer, for bridge plank, ...	36 24
J. J. Poor, for work on road, ...	3 00
Charles Spencer, interest money, ...	36 00
H. W. Hadley, money on note, ...	300 00
E. Ferren, land damage, ...	15 00
S. Parker, interest money, ...	25 00
S. J. Merrill, for work on Colby road, ...	87 12
E. P. Roberts, ...	87 12
Jane B. Roberts, money on note, ...	261 80
Adaline Kidder, ...	100 00
A. Whitney, interest on note, ...	30 00
John Dunlap, money on note, ...	355 26
William Kidder, ...	5 00
Gilman Robertson, money on note, ...	288 40
Jesse Nichols, witness in Cochran case, ...	4 86
Hall & Kimball, for bridge plank, 1865, ...	4 00
N. E. Kimball, use of watering trough, ...	3 00
Jesse Nichols, for non-residents tax, ...	12 01
Jesse Nichols, abatement of taxes, ...	299 30
F. Hadley, interest on note, ...	6 00
F. J. Beard, for boarding paupers, ...	14 00
William Kidder, for coffin for child, ...	6 00
G. M. Eaton, money on note, ...	1086 50
S. W. Little, interest money, ...	18 00
Adaline Kidder, money on note, ...	63 00
A. F. Carr, School District No. 1, ...	159 51
J. E. Dodge, 2, ...	57 61
Daniel Shirley, 3, ...	81 26
A. J. Hazen, 4, ...	68 83
G. Plummer, 5, ...	72 19
Nichols Merrill, 6, ...	59 06
John Bartlett, 7, ...	76 56
E. Jones, 8, ...	78 28
D. Little, 9, ...	114 53
G. W. Hancock, 10, balance due, ...	71 62
G. P. Hadley, 11, ...	104 26
C. B. Sargent, 12, balance due, ...	13 26
A. W. Russell, 13, ...	123 93
J. Tirrell, 14, ...	50 37
G. K. Richards, 15, ...	36 61
Mary Jane Butterfield, on note, ...	417 00

B. F. Aiken, money on note, ...	257 50
Julia Little, interest, ...	130 15
E. Flanders, money on note, ...	307 50
David Steele, interest, ...	30 00
Samuel Kidder, support of pauper, ...	25 00
Ira Barr, for goods to William J. Kidder, ...	10 00
E. Richards, money on note, ...	343 82
D. M. Poor, money on note, ...	157 00
Ira Barr and James McAllister, non-resident taxes, ...	4 37
R. Johnson, money paid for J. E. Richards, ...	34 00
County Farm, boarding paupers, ...	122 00
Roswell Towns, support of pauper, ...	12 25
G. P. Hadley, surveying roads, &c., ...	10 00
G. W. Parker, interest money, ...	103 65
A. McDougal, use of watering-trough, ...	3 00
Eli E. Colly, money on note, ...	112 45
Joseph Cram, non-resident tax, ...	10 29
A. F. Carr, interest, ...	24 00
A. F. Carr, medical services, ...	10 00
S. W. Richardson, support of paupers, ...	12 00
David Worthley, non-resident tax, ...	47
C. W. Cheney, non-resident tax, 1865—6, ...	2 04
Irad Poor, for bridge plank, ...	1 75
David Wells, ...	8 25
Daniel Little, medical services, ...	15 00
H. W. Hadley, money on note, ...	649 50
D. M. Poor, ...	208 78
Benjamin Greer, for plank and watering trough, for 1865, ..	38 00
Wm. G. Straw, non-resident tax, ...	64
E. W. Cram, support of pauper, ...	6 00
P. Hart, over tax, 1865, ...	6 96
A. Story, for petitions for roads, ...	5 50
J. Murphy, labor on road, ...	3 00
H. Simons, endorsed on note, ...	600 00
Henry A. Gage, for printing town reports, ...	44 00
J. B. Clark, for check-list 1865—6, ...	10 00
A. W. Russell, support of pauper, ...	1 00
D. B. Warren, abatement on taxes of 1863, ...	5 08
G. W. Hancock, school money, No. 10, ...	36 00
S. B. Cilley, road damaged, ...	150 00
Daniel Farmer's heirs, road damaged, ...	35 00
E. P. Sargent, work on Colby road, ...	166 87
G. Robertson, for plank, ...	3 00
Caleb Stowell, work on bridges and culverts, ...	14 00

G. M. Eaton, money on note	435 00
J. Hoyt, digging graves for paupers, ...	10 00
R. Johnson, paid counsel at Concord, ...	1 00
R. Johnson, work on bridges and culverts, ...	2 50
R. Johnson, expense paying county tax, ...	1 00
John Greer, work on bridges and culverts, ...	5 50
Rebecca Burnham, over tax, ...	12 00
Sarah J. Addison, over tax, ...	5 00
Eliza Chamberlain, over tax, ...	2 00
F. Phillips, over tax, ...	4 00
R. M. Ayer, over tax, ...	23 00
Haynes & Wallace, over tax, ...	5 00
Noyes Poor's heirs, ...	2 30
Peter Hadley, over tax, ...	4 00
Warren Harriman, special school house tax, ...	100 00
Johnson & Nichols, over tax, ...	4 00
R. Johnson, abatement on taxes for 1866, ...	81 55
David Steele, money on note, ...	516 00
Harvey Stevens, for boarding pauper, ...	14 00
Wm. H. Eaton, services as school committee, ...	66 10
George Warren, money on note, ...	163 09
Hezekiah Blaisdell, money on note, ...	269 24
G. B. Moore, Town Treasurer's bill, ...	40 00
John Greer, expenses on town business, ...	25 00
John Greer, 45 days on town business, ...	67 50
L. D. Hunkins, 46 days on town business, ...	69 00
L. D. Hunkins, expenses on town business, ...	23 00
R. Johnson, expenses to Concord, &c., ...	30 00
R. Johnson, 51 days on town business, ...	76 50
G. B. Henry, Town Clerk, ...	25 00
Auditor's bill, ...	6 00
R. Johnson, for collecting tax of 1866, ...	150 00

\$29163.90

L. D. HUNKINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN GREER,	
RODNEY JOHNSON,	

of
Goffstown.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Town owes up to March, 1867, principal and interest.....	\$32436	37
Less: Amount due from U. States.....	4294	00
Amount due from sales at Town Farm.....	914	71
Amount due from Jesse Nichols, former collector,.....	287	01
Amount due from Town of Mt. Vernon and County for the support of paupers.....	46	25
Amount from R. Johnson, present collector.....	2330	88
Amount in hands of Treasurer.....	816	88
Note and interest from D. S. Carr, Treasurer for 1861.....	226	44 8916 17
Town's actual debt.....	\$23520	20
Amount paid by the Selectmen for building roads and land dam- age, including \$150. that is now due Sannacl Orr for land damage.....	1227	81
The whole expense to the Town for the support of the poor for the year ending March 1, 1867.....	318	70
The current expenses of the Town for the past year, ending March 1.....	764	51
The Selectmen have paid for bills due previous to March 1, 1866.....	670	17

The Selectmen have been very particular to keep a plain record of the indebtedness of the Town, so that we have no difficulty in getting at the exact amount. Their books are kept in a plain business style, and it is perfectly evident they have worked for the interests of the Town.

The Treasurer's books are kept in a manner that has greatly facilitated the labors of the Auditors, for all of which we feel under obligations.

CALVIN WYMAN, JOHN M. PARKER, ENOCH P. SARGENT.	}	Auditors.
---	---	-----------

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF GOFTSTOWN :

Your School Committee has attended to the duties imposed upon him by law,—duties which involve more care and labor than many suppose. He has not done all that might be done, but what seemed to be present duty.

The condition of the schools in town, with *four* exceptions, is better than one year ago, and in those exceptional cases the money expended has not been wholly wasted. An improved discipline, and a sure advance in scholarship, has been characteristic of many of our schools. Considering the number of teachers employed, the inexperience of several, and the difficulties under which they have labored, it is not too much to say, that it is doubtful if the same number of teachers in any neighboring town, where no higher salaries are paid, can show a better record.

A GOOD SCHOOL.

The indispensable conditions to a *number one* school are, a united, interested district, a good school-house, well furnished, a proper supply of text books, a judicious, earnest teacher, and pupils who attend school to learn. In proportion as either of these are wanting, according to their relative importance, the school falls short of what it ought to be, and those for whose benefit school privileges are afforded are wronged. And it is just as culpable an act to dwarf a child's mind, by withholding a suitable education, as his body by withholding proper food.

TEXT BOOK REFORM.

The labors of your committee have been especially directed towards a reduction of the number of *text books* by different au-

thors, which have been introduced in various ways into the several schools: an evil which in a number of instances has been found to be wasting one half of the teacher's time by its necessary accompaniment of a multitude of classes, it being a well known fact, that the *less* the number of classes the *greater* the proportion of the teacher's attention that each pupil can have. Some idea of the extent of this evil in your schools may be formed from the fact that in one school arithmetics were found by *six* different authors: and in another, there was such a variety of geographies as to make ten classes necessary for their accommodation. To any efforts looking toward an improvement in this respect, some few parents have made strenuous objections, which have seemed similar to the reason a teamster might urge for working his oxen separately, "that it would save the trouble of yoking them": or the farmer for using his grandfather's old wooden plow "that it yet held together", which is more than can be said of some of the books for which such an affection has been manifested, one in particular, which was found on examination to be over forty years old. Feeling that present *cursings* would in future be changed to blessings, as foreshadowed in our last year's report, the committee has gone on and reduced greatly the number of classes in arithmetic and geography in that way which seemed "for the greatest good of the greatest number." To complete the overthrow of this Babel will be the task of years to come, and it *will* sooner or later *be done*, for when the golden age of our schools shall come, it will find, (as it is now in all well conducted schools) the use of only one series of text books allowed.

PARENTAL INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY.

Our common school system with all its benefits has this disadvantage, that in making education a public work it destroys that sense of individual responsibility which parents would otherwise feel: the verification of that old adage, "what is everybody's business is nobody's." In consequence of this lack of a feeling of responsibility there is a corresponding lack of proper interest, and without interest there is no intelligent inquiry into the real wants of the school-room, among the masses: and to this want of correct ideas is attributable the bitter prejudices and factious opposition that have continually to be encountered by those who would have our schools keep pace with the advancement of the age.

One of two things must be done or some schools will never prosper. Either the school system of large towns must be adopted, or the parents in these notoriously "hard districts" must come up and take a different stand, becoming willing to sink all party issues, ceasing to notice every grievance, and uniting in rendering the teacher an efficient moral support, let the *rou* fall where it may. With a conclusion to let "by gones be by gones" and a selection of experienced teachers,—teachers that you have to *go after* to secure, for the districts where there has been trouble the past year; with a few better houses and some new furniture, and an increase of your appropriation for schools, that will add but a trifle to the burden of the tax-payer, the time may soon come when good citizens will not leave town for the want of suitable schools in which to educate their children.

The following report of the schools in the respective districts is presented, intended to be *truthful* and *just*.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Village, South Side.

Summer Term. MISS M. C. HOLMES, Teacher.—At our first visit we found this teacher performing her duties in a very quiet, lady-like manner, and the general appearance of the school was good. Failing to receive notice we were not present at the final examination. Unable to present a report of *our own*, we quote from the teacher's:—"A very good school in point of numbers and a few good scholars, considering their ages. This school will not become what it *might* and *should* be, until parents take a greater interest. Visits from parents give importance to the school in the estimation of the children; they tend also to establish a sympathy between parents and teacher: the plea of want of time lacks in every element of consistency."

Winter Term. MR. H. M. GEORGE and MR. H. WOODBURY, Teachers.—The first five weeks of this term were taught by Mr. George, who might have succeeded very well in many schools, but failed to give satisfaction in this. The remainder of the term was taught by Mr. Woodbury, a teacher of well known abilities and established reputation. Already known and loved by many of his pupils, he proved the *right* man in the place he filled, and considerable was accomplished in a short time.

school but once, it then appeared as well as could be expected with a perfect reign of chaos, so far as variety of text books was concerned. Miss B. taught this school with success the previous winter, and we have no reason to doubt that as good results were again realized. We could but regret that this teacher made no report of her own.

Winter Term. JOHN E. MORSE, Teacher.—This school was very much broken up by sickness among the children. Being obliged to report prematurely we cannot speak of results, but have been pleased with what we have seen of the teacher's quiet decision, and the devotion to study manifested in our presence by his pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 14. Plumer's.

Winter Term. JENNIE E. HART, Teacher.—Miss Hart succeeded finely and deserves, in common with her pupils, great praise. The exercises in arithmetic were in some respects unequalled in town. In recitations and declamations, a few scholars in this school exceeded anything of the kind we have been permitted to witness elsewhere the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 15. Dow's.

Winter Term. GEORGE H. AIKEN, Teacher.—This term closed abruptly the tenth week, under the following circumstances: One morning, the teacher found a "nuisance" committed which rendered the air of the school-room unfit to be breathed, and on going to the prudential committee to get it "abated" he found him somewhat dissatisfied with his course, and refused to teach longer. The following has been handed to your committee:

"This is to certify that we, composing the District No. 15, in Goffstown, N. H., join in the support of the late teacher, G. H. Aiken, and consider that the children sent from our respective families have made good improvement as could be expected."

Signed

STEPHEN DWINELLS,
ELBRIDGE G. PETTES,
SAMUEL J. DOW,
BENJAMIN DOW,
JAMES RICHARDS.

This school appeared well at our first and only visit, and we could wish that instead of leaving, the teacher had "fought it out on that line" and followed up that *scent*.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SUMMER TERM.

Number of District.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of instances of dismissals.	No. of instances of tardiness.	No. of visits by S. N. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Com.	Wages of teachers per month.
1	12	44	38	85	95	1	1	\$16.00
2	9	11	8	0	6	2	0	16.00
3	9	7	6	0	27	0	0	19.00
4	8	18	17	2	91	2	1	8.00
5	10	33	27	17	37	1	0	13.00
6	9	17	16	21	47	2	0	20.00
7	8	44	37	0	246	1	1	25.00
8	9	22	21	2	7	2	0	16.00
9	7	16	11	7	23	2	0	12.00
10	12	14	10	1	12	2	0	
11	10	49	33	6	88	1	0	15.00
12								
13								

WINTER TERM.

	Number of District.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of instances of dismissals.	No. of instances of tardiness.	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Com.	Wages of teachers per month.
1	1	9	45	28	80	138	4	1	\$39.82
2	13	18	13	4	8	8	2	0	24.00
3	9	13	10	3	69	6	2	0	20.40
4	9	10	8 ¹	4	13	3	2	1	20.00
5	11	20	17	0	114	1	2	1	12.00
6	8	12	9	*	161	3	0	0	16.00
7	8	32	29	2	23	3	2	1	26.00
8	8	16	13	84	155	2	2	0	18.00
9	8	38	27	0	398	1	2	1	26.00
10	15	25	23	8	74	2	0	0	26.75
11	42	26	24	26	220	2	0	0	20.00
12	13	30	25	0	30	3	0	0	25.00
13	9	4	12	1	13	2	1	2	20.00
14	9	16	14	x	32	1	1	1	12.00

*Board included.

WILLIAM H. EATON. *S. S. Committee.*

Book

No. 22

Vol. 1

Page 22

Page 14

6000

1000

01844

1000

5000

1000

1000